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## F.U.A. START DRIVE MONDAY FOR 60,000 MEMBERS

### C.F.A. Tells Cabinet Fears for Future

#### FARM INDUSTRY IS AT DISADVANTAGE WHEN PRICES FALL

Experience of Past Deflation Periods—Delegation Deals With Many Problems

#### WHEAT PRICE BOOST

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(Special to The Western Farm Leader)  
By M. McDougall, Press Gallery

OTTAWA, Mar. 2nd—The presentation to the Dom. Gov. by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture bears the distinctive hallmark of that organization, which is held in genuine esteem in the Canadian capital. Last week nearly a score formed the delegation, headed by President H. H. Hannam, and they were received by Prime Minister St. Laurent and a substantial group of Ministers. The presentation reflects the concern of the agricultural industry over the possible deflation in the coming days. It refers to experience that in cases of deflation there is a much sharper fall in prices received for agricultural products than in prices paid by farmers, and to the danger to international trade at the end of U.S. financial assistance unless exchange difficulties are by that time settled satisfactorily and trade "restored on a broad multilateral basis."

Under the heading "Stabilizing the Demand for Food," it is explained that the agricultural industry by its very nature labors under a disadvantage in its efforts to meet and combat a drop in consumer demand. A farmer cannot simply close up his farm. He can only shift from the production of one product to another.

**Urge Stimulation British Imports**  
It is urged that British imports be further encouraged through reduction or removal of any impediments. Increased British imports would greatly aid Canada's exports. It is suggested that study be made of the American National Food Allotment Program as a means of maintaining the food buying power of low income families.

#### Chief Suggestions

Among the suggestions made by the Federation are the following: (a) The passing of Federal marketing legislation to supplement Provincial legislation to make it possible for existing Provincial schemes to deal with products in interprovincial and export trade; (b) Commending the efforts to bring about an international wheat agreement, the Federation asked that when final adjustment is made on the British wheat agreement, producers be settled with for wheat sold in the domestic market at a price not less than the average price under the U.K.

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#### Directors of Alberta Poultry Producers



Above are seen the Board of Directors of Alberta Poultry Producers, Limited, who held their sixth annual meeting in Edmonton, February 23rd and 24th. Seated, left to right, are J. H. Rhodes, Brant; K. V. Kapler, Strome; L. Normandeau, Winterburne. Standing, left to right, are S. Roppel, Rockyford; and A. J. Rix, Wetaskiwin. Mr. Kapler was re-elected President and Mr. Rhodes Vice-President. (See story, page 9).

#### Three Brief Periods Prosperity in 35 Years

OTTAWA, March 2nd.—"In the past thirty-five years agriculture has only enjoyed three brief periods of prosperity, during World War I, 1925 to 1929 and since 1944," the brief presented to the Dominion Cabinet by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture points out. "On balance over the years the scales have tipped in favor of urban people. Our present brief period of equality for Canadian agriculture is threatened by international complications of trade and currencies.

"Today there are two great problems or dangers which confront Canadian agriculture and our economy as a whole. The first is the imminent danger of severe deflation which would bring about a much sharper fall in the prices received by farmers than in the prices paid by farmers. The second problem is the future breakdown in international trade at the end of the present period of American financial aid to Europe, unless by that time exchange difficulties are ironed out and trade is restored on a broad multi-lateral basis."

#### More Bred Sows in Denmark

COPENHAGEN—A large increase in the number of bred sows shown in a recent Danish census points to materially increased bacon export supplies in the latter part of this year. Improved feed supplies are a factor in the increase.

#### LOCALS, DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS TO CO-ORDINATE DRIVE

Announcement Follows First Meeting of Board of Farmers' Union of Alberta

#### SIX WEEKS' CAMPAIGN

Ask Provincial Legislation re Coarse Grains and Regulation Butter Substitutes

Signing up of 60,000 members in the Farmers' Union of Alberta within the next six weeks will be the object of the campaign to be launched by the Union on Monday next, March 7th.

The announcement was made by President C. J. Stimpfle following the first meeting of the Provisional Board of the Union in Edmonton last week. All district organizations and locals are being asked to co-ordinate their efforts in this extensive drive.

#### Legislation Urged

Enactment by the Alberta Government during the current session of legislation complementary to the Dominion legislation providing for the marketing of coarse grains by the Canadian Wheat Board was strongly urged by the Board.

Legislation will be sought also to provide that margarine and all other butter substitutes shall be plainly marked and colored in such a way that no one will be in danger of buying them in mistake for butter.

Owing to difficulties in obtaining accommodation, it was decided to buy a permanent residence in Edmonton for the President.

Appointment of R. J. Boutilier as Secretary of the Farmers' Union of Alberta was announced by the President. Mr. Boutilier was Secretary of the Alberta Farmers' Union until that organization and the United Farmers of Alberta were amalgamated.

#### Federation Will Appeal to Privy Council Re Oleo

OTTAWA, March 2nd—H. H. Hannam, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, announces that the Federation and the Dairy Farmers of Canada are making immediate application for leave to appeal to the Privy Council in London against the recent majority decision of the Supreme Court of Canada declaring invalid Dominion legislation banning the manufacture and sale of margarine in Canada. R. H. Milligan of Regina has been retained as counsel.

Among reasons why the Federation considers the judgment unsatisfactory is the fact that "it divides authority over margarine legislation, giving some authority to the Federal Government and other authority to the Provinces," states Mr. Hannam. "There seems now no clear indication as to where authority rests in respect to some regulations as to sale and distribution of margarine, as for example the matter of coloring."

#### Interprovincial Co-op. Meets in Vancouver

A meeting of the Interprovincial Co-operative was held in Vancouver last week, among those attending being Norman F. Priestley, General Manager United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative; R. V. Davies, General Manager Alberta Co-operative Wholesale; J. R. Love, President A.C.W.A.; J. D. McDonald, Merchandise Manager A.C.W.A., and E. Chownen, General Manager of the Manitoba Co-op. Wholesale.

#### GIVES REASSURANCE

OTTAWA, March 2nd—In answer to a question, Hon. J. J. McCann, Minister of National Revenue, stated in the House: "As was done in former years, appropriate action will be taken to ensure that the farmer will not have to pay more tax by including this payment (the additional payment of 20 cents on wheat, see Mr. McDougall's letter) "as income in this year, than he would have paid if that amount had been included in his income in the year in which he delivered the wheat."

Appointment of Dr. G. S. H. Barton as Special Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture was announced by the Prime Minister. Dr. Barton has been Deputy Minister of Agriculture since 1932. In his new position he will deal with international phases of agricultural development and will represent Canada abroad at conferences and on international organizations. Dr. James Gordon Taggart has been appointed Deputy Minister. He has hitherto been Director in Chief of Agricultural Services and Chairman of the Agricultural Prices Support Board.

# IF WINTER COMES Can Spring Be Far Behind?

This old saying expresses the hope we all have. Well, winter has come, and now is nearly over. Spring is nearly here. Within a very few weeks of reading this, you will be started on your spring work. You and your expensive power equipment will be working long hours and you will be interested in highest quality gasoline, fuel, greases and lubricants.

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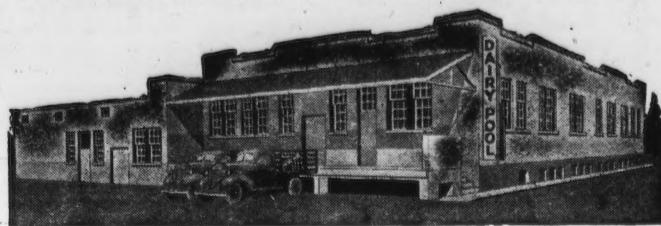


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## SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



## Factors Essential to Success of Our Co-operatives

By **JAMES R. McFALL**  
Secretary, Alberta Federation of Agriculture

FELLOW MEMBERS: Mr. James R. McFall, Secretary of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, has written a very fine article for the Members of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool. He has prepared for your benefit a thoughtful essay I trust you will give as careful attention to the main points brought out by him. I fully agree with Mr. McFall that the two main factors relative to the success of any Co-operative are efficient management and a loyal and informed membership.

Yours fraternally,

*Wm. Burns*

President.

**D**O you know, dear readers, that some weeks ago your genial President asked me to write a short article for the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool columns in this farm paper. I appreciate Mr. Burns' confidence in my ability. However, it places me in a difficult position, as I know that you will want me to express some constructive thoughts.

**Foremost in My Mind** Pool elevator, the creamery or poultry plant where they deliver their produce. I wonder how past experience to qualify me to discuss the future of our co-operative organizations. Nevertheless, the future of these organizations is foremost in my mind as I write these few lines.

The two factors that possibly play the greatest role in the success of any co-operative organization are efficient management and loyal support of the members. I will not attempt to discuss management, because if we have a loyal, informed membership they will see that the management is the very best.

**Fear Older Members Express**  
I often hear many of our older co-op. supporters and leaders express the fear that the younger men may not patronize their own farmer organizations as they should. If you ask why, the answer is that they do not fully appreciate what the co-ops have done in the interest of farming and farmers. They say that we are too prone to make comparisons on the face value of the co-op versus private business at the moment without having regard for the past or future.

**Question We Can Ask**  
If we assume that these statements are correct, then we as the younger generation can ask the question: Why have we not been informed? Why have we not been taught these things as we grew up?

It seems to me that our fathers and older members are not free from blame. Possibly they have not taken the stand that they have a share in the

made in handling my grain"; or the conversation may run like this: "Our Dairy Pool is part of my farm equipment, just like a combine and tractor. The only difference is that the individual can't afford to own a creamery, so we got together and have one organization to look after the processing and marketing for many of us."

**Taking It Into Our Homes**  
We glibly talk about co-operation as a way of life. Then do we take that way of life into our homes? Does the conversation at the supper table include discussion of the Co-op. annual meeting attended early

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in the week? (Or did you attend that meeting, or did you refuse to act as a delegate on the ground that you were too busy?)

Maybe I am being a little rough here. However, the fact still remains that each of your marketing organizations (be it handling livestock, wheat, forage crop seeds, cream or milk, or be it a co-op store), is part—they are all parts of your farm business, performing a function that the individual cannot do for himself.

## What Each of Us Should Do

Thus, my thought is that we should loyally support the organizations that we have helped to build. We should at-

tend all meetings dealing with the work of these organizations so that we are fully acquainted with the stewardship of the Directors and management. We should each be prepared to accept responsibility in the operation of these organizations, either as a director, a delegate, or in exercising our franchise as a member. Last, and far from least, we should discuss co-operative policy and practice in the home. In this way the junior members will gain a background and an appreciation of the purpose and achievements of our co-operative organizations. In turn, there will be little doubt of their future appreciation of the co-operative movement when they go out into the world on their own.

proved, but owing to shortage of material the manufacturers did not return to the 12½ gauge.

We are informed that all wire manufactured today is 14 gauge but is comparable in strength to the pre-war wire.

The Federation office will appreciate comments by farmers and ranchers using this new wire. Is it satisfactory, or would you prefer the large gauge wire that was manufactured prior to the war?

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**Revising Basic Herd Directive**—a telegram from George E. Church, 1st Vice-President of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, informs us that Dr. McCann, Minister of National Revenue, announced that the Basic Herd Directive, re Income Tax, will be completely revised. The Minister went on to say that he was confident that the revised form would be satisfactory to livestock men.

The announcement was made to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture delegation which met with the Dominion Cabinet with their annual presentation. The C.F.A. delegation, headed by H. H. Hannam, President, informed the Government that the present Directive was entirely unsatisfactory. The Minister's announcement will be welcome news to Western stockmen providing the details can be worked out satisfactorily.

Other organizations which have done a great deal of work on this issue include the Western Stock Growers' Association. Their Annual Meeting held in Calgary early in January, also took the stand that this directive was not workable and was entirely unsatisfactory.

In following up this stand they have an appointment with the Department officials for March 1st. This meeting should be of considerable assistance in finalizing the whole issue and making possible its operation on a fair and equitable basis.

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**Income Tax Question Box**—The Farm Radio Forum on March 7th and 14th will be discussing the Income Tax Question. The first program will deal mainly with the principle of this form of taxation, while the second broadcast will consider the report forms in some detail. These programs should be well worth your attention.

The Federation office has decided to provide a question and answer service with regard to any detail questions that may arise from these programs. We are prepared to extend this service to all farm listeners. Just send in your question to the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, 525 Lougheed Building, Calgary.

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## C.F.A. Recommendations Has Loaned \$1,196,000,000

Among recommendations made to the Dominion Government by the delegation from the C.F.A. last week were the following: Abolition of the means test for old age pensions, restoration of government annuity rates to levels existing before April, 1948; increases in compensation for T.B. reactors in cattle herds; greater research in livestock diseases and greater effort to overcome the serious shortage in veterinarians in the carrying out of the Health of Animals program in Canada.

English trout eggs have been shipped by air to South Africa, to be used for stocking lakes and streams with fish of high quality.

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## A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS. R. McFALL, Secretary

**Quality of Barbed Wire Improved**—You may remember that last Spring the A.F.A., through the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, made strenuous protests regarding the quality of barbed wire.

The matter was taken up with the Standards Division at Ottawa and with the Steel Company of Canada. We were assured that the tensile strength would be increased by 35%.

Here is the story in more detail. Prior to the war, standard barbed wire was manufactured as 12½ gauge. War-time measures of the Prices and Trade Board reduced the wire to 14 gauge and at the same time, permitted wire of inferior strength to be manufactured. Following the war, this regulation was removed, but the manufacturer who was still short of material, continued to put out the poor quality. At our request the quality was im-

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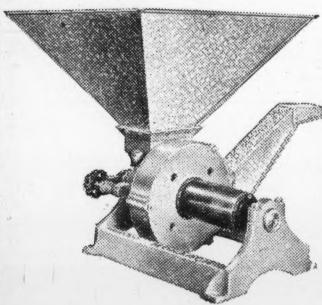
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### FARMERS PRESENT COMMON FRONT

Farm organizations across the Dominion are united in support of the efforts of milk and cream producers to ensure that regulations shall be adopted respecting the manufacture and sale of butter substitutes as strict in every respect as those which affect the dairy industry.

They are determined, also, that in so far as it may lie in their power to prevent it, there shall be no possibility of one type of product being mistaken for the other. The nature of the regulations desired has been set forth in articles in this paper from time to time, as well as elsewhere.

Farmers who specialize in production of milk have behind them the farmers in other lines of production. The Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, and other Provincial units in all parts of Canada, have taken similar action. Last week the Board of Directors of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, with the authority of the recent Convention, expressed its position in unequivocal terms.

Appeal is to be made to the Privy Council by the C.F.A. jointly with the Dairy Farmers of Canada, against the recent judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada on the subject of the manufacture and sale of butter substitutes.

As Mr. Hannam, Mr. Millican, and others have pointed out, the Supreme Court's judgment raises doubts concerning the validity of other legislation now on the statute book, as well as that concerning margarine—legislation designed to protect producer and consumer alike in various fields. It will be all to the good, in view of the fact that the Canadian court was divided, to have a decision from the highest legal authority in the Commonwealth.

### PUBLICLY OWNED RADIO IN DANGER

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture has rendered a service of the highest value to the people of the Dominion, and to rural people in particular, by calling attention to the perilous position in which the publicly owned broadcasting system has been placed by the persistent propaganda of interested parties. The propaganda is designed to cripple the Canadian Broadcasting System by bringing about drastic limitation of the powers conferred upon it by Parliament. At Ottawa last week, the delegation from the Federation which met the Prime Minister and the Cabinet, strongly urged that there should be no change in or interference with the existing method of control of broadcasting in Canada.

The present system was established, it will be remembered, with the full agreement of all political parties. The late Lord (then the Rt. Hon. R. B.) Bennett, introduced the original legislation establishing public ownership and control, in a memorable speech which has been quoted in these pages.

The resolution on this subject adopted by the Federation at Saskatoon is printed on another page in this issue. Full recognition is given to the valuable services of many private stations in their own fields, but the demand for

### THE COMMON MAN

*What fortune waits the common man who sees*

*This century as marked to be his own?*

*Will that brief span suffice to win his pleas*

*For safeguards that his mind has never known?*

*Can he, the common man, who brings his skill*

*Or labor to his country's daily need,*

*At last command through strong and steadfast will*

*The human rights now sacrificed to greed?*

*Were but the common men of all the earth*

*Inspired to pool their dreams and their desires,*

*Then everlasting peace would have its birth,*

*For war the aid of common men requires.*

*United, common men possess the key*

*To life as they believe that life should be.*

—ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

the setting up of private networks is unequivocally condemned.

The recommendation of the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, passed in public session, followed the presentation of the report on public radio in Canada by Leonard Harman of the United Co-operative of Ontario. Reviewing the history of broadcasting in Canada, the report was a balanced presentation. It would be a service to the movement and to the public to print it and to make it available to all branches of the Federation, and to all locals of farmers' and farm women's organizations in Canada. It will repay careful study by the members of every local. In the meantime, if space should permit, we hope to be able to quote from it in this and later issues.

### FARMERS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED

It is most desirable, the report points out, that the Board of Governors of the CBC should be strengthened. The need for representation of Agriculture on the Board is rightly stressed. "It is most unfortunate," states this presentation, "that when an officer of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture found it necessary to retire from the Board three years ago, there was not another person appointed who was in touch with rural problems. Farm organizations should press vigorously to have not one, but three members of the CBC Board who are satisfactory representatives of rural people for the various regions. This would only provide representation in proportion to the rural population."

### OUR STAKE IN BRITAIN'S EXPORT DRIVE

The United Kingdom's imports from Canada in 1948 (mainly food products and raw materials) totalled in value \$864,000,000.

During the same period, Canada imported from Britain goods to the value of \$276,000,000.

There in a nutshell is a great part of the reason why the British find it difficult to purchase the products of Canadian farms she needs and wants.

There are complicating factors, of course, due to the financing of a large part of British imports through ERP.

If Canada's imports from the United Kingdom (Continued on page 12)

## Alberta Co-operative Wholesale Sets New Record in Past Year

### Striking Figures Presented at Annual Meeting—Directors Elected for Coming Year

Setting a new record of \$2,414,133.32 in the volume of business credited to its 159 member units throughout the Province, the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale Association concluded its last financial year in an excellent position, reports presented at the recent annual meeting of the Co-operative in Edmonton showed. In its first year of operations in 1938, when the Wholesale had 9 member units, business volume totalled \$258,423.67.

Business done in 1948 by the Insurance Department totalled \$2,430,183, a substantial increase.

Surplus for the year on wholesale operations was \$49,131.62, from which deduction of non-operating expenses of \$35,022.93 left net savings of \$14,108.69. After provision of \$3,358.81 for estimates of income taxes, as is required, \$10,748.88 was left for allocation on a patronage basis.

#### Big Business on National Scale

Figures presented to the meeting showed that total business done by affiliates of the Co-operative Union of Canada in the past year was \$313,000,000, while for the Interprovincial Co-operative the total was \$112,000,000. The Quebec Federale did business totaling \$40,000,000.

Reports presented by the President, J. R. Love, for the Board of Directors; by Manager R. V. Davies, Treasurer A. M. Demings, by Elmer Loehr on the Management Service Department, and by the auditors, dealt in detail with all departments. Total members' equity is \$636,820.15.

#### Directors Elected

Directors were elected in accordance with the new zoning system as follows, the districts being indicated by numbers: 1, O Wobeck, Barons; 2, G. E. Church, Balzac; 3, S. Cade, R.R. 1, Bowden; 4, E. Peterson, Wetaskiwin; 5, J. R. Love, Edmonton; 6, J. Romanuk, Andrew; 7, D. Gamache, St. Paul; 8, Bruce Peacock, Piroch; 9, A. Davie, Dawson Creek.

J. Russell Love, Edmonton, is President, Geo. E. Church, Balzac, Vice-President, and E. Peterson, Wetaskiwin, Secretary. These three officers constitute the Executive.

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### Call for National Policy of Soil and Water Conservation

#### "Lack of Adequate Policy Is Menace to Farmers' Welfare," States C.F.A. Meeting.

Immediate establishment by the Dominion Government of a national policy of soil and water conservation and land use for Canada, was recommended in a resolution adopted at the public sessions of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in Saskatoon, on the occasion of the Annual Meeting. Necessary legislation to make the implementing of such a plan possible was called for, and it was proposed that this legislation provide for the appointment of a Dominion Coordinator for these undertakings in Canada.

#### Dean Sinclair Reports

The decision followed presentation of an excellent report on the subject by Dr. R. D. Sinclair, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Alberta, and President of the Agricultural Institute of Canada. Dr. Sinclair summarized the opinions of Canada's agricultural scientists and technical workers.

It was further proposed that a National Council on Soil and Water Conservation and Land Use be established on a joint Dominion and Provincial basis, with sufficient powers to implement programs according to the need across Canada.

#### Provincial Responsibility

Because most land resources are vested in the Provinces, it was advised that their custodianship and conservation be the responsibility of the Provincial Department of Agriculture in each Province concerned, and Provincial Governments were asked to pass necessary legislation and carry out administrative organization and provide educational services; and further to "design ways and means of encouraging cultural and land use practices which will maintain and enhance the productivity" of the resources referred to.

Aid and guidance to municipalities and farmers to encourage them to deal with soil and water wastage and deterioration was recommended, and the setting up of local autonomous committees. Training of personnel by Dominion and Provincial Governments, to provide advisory services to farmers was called for.

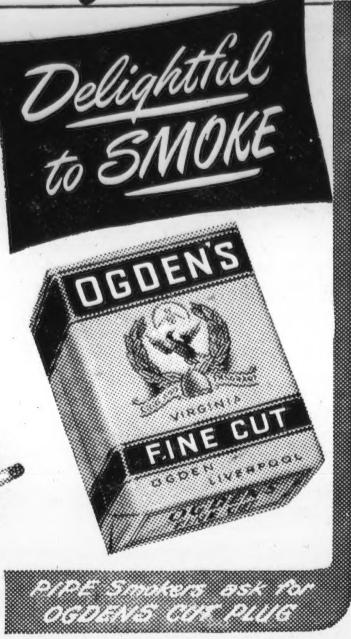
Pointing out that the proper utilization of farm lands is the "greatest natural resources problem facing the Dominion", and that its solution is "fundamental to the stability of agriculture", the resolution indicated that "lack of an adequate and integrated government policy is a growing menace to the welfare of our farmers and should be a matter of national concern."

#### SOME CO-OP SALES FIGURES

E. S. Shore announces that livestock sales of the Southern Alberta Co-operative at Lethbridge in 1948 totalled \$1,620,932.86, and merchandise sales \$421,456.67. Magrath store sales were \$78,392.23 and Barons store sales \$179,852.12.



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This hybrid corn has been called "a miracle corn" and in some experiments has given an increase in yield of 127.3 per cent. Its growth has been limited to the United States until recently, but its theoretical knowledge has been known elsewhere for many years before the war, and information regarding it could be found in technical papers of Italy or of other European countries, although no practical application of the new technique was developed.

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Do you know that Margarine manufacturers are being allowed to imitate the taste of butter by adding diacetyl? They are being allowed to add preservatives such as benzoate of soda in order to keep their product palatable till it is sold. In making butter you cannot do that. Margarine manufacturers are also being allowed to fortify their product with vitamin "A" (denied to butter) in an attempt to approximate the nutritional value of butter. They have been allowed to imitate the texture of butter by adding skim milk to their product. They are being permitted to illustrate their advertising in imitation of butter and conditions of manufacture indicative of butter.

They are being allowed one thing more—the opportunity to almost completely wreck and destroy the butter industry, and, brother, it will certainly affect you—no matter what end use your milk goes to, either fluid, for manufacturing or for butter.

What can you do about this impending fraud and disaster? May we suggest.

### What You Can Suggest and Demand

At the present time our Alberta Government is conscious that some regulations on Margarine are necessary. You will help them a great deal if you will pass on to your residing M.L.A. your wishes on these regulations. You can suggest and demand that

(1) Margarine must not imitate butter in color. Let the Margarine industry work up its own demand on its own power and leave butter alone, and then you can suggest that

(2) Margarine should be subject in manufacture to the same controls we have to recognize in the making of butter.

These two things are the least that could be expected to be done. We believe the member of your Legislative Assembly in your area would welcome knowing your wishes. In order to be of any assistance to him and preserve even near equality for butter, you must act decisively and quickly.

If nothing is done you can very quickly have near 1935 prices on cream once more, and say, do you remember what 1935 prices were? According to a Provincial report the average price in that year in Alberta was 18c a pound butterfat.

### NEW EDITION SWINE BULLETIN

A seventh revision of bulletin No. 22 of the University of Alberta, "Swine Production in Alberta," has just been issued. Brought up to date, it contains information based on thirty years' experience with a grand total of 13,500 pigs, and more than 130 feeding experiments. Alberta grown grain — oats, barley and wheat — say the writers, when properly supplemented will produce as good bacon hogs as can be produced anywhere in the world. One of the main problems, however, is scarcity of skim-milk; where this is lacking, a proper substitute should be provided.

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## C.F.A. Strongly Condemns Campaign for Setting up of Private Radio Network

Present System With CBC in Control in People's Interest — Farmer Representation on Board Sought

CALLING for resistance by public authority to "all efforts of private interests to establish networks of their own", on the ground that this would mean "even greater exploitation of radio for private gain", and give these interests undue control over means of "influencing public opinion to their own selfish ends", a resolution adopted by unanimous vote in the open sessions held on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture also urged that Agriculture be given representation on the Board of Governors of the public broadcasting system, and that the Federation be consulted in regard to the representation appointed. As reported elsewhere, the Federation policy was laid before the Dominion Cabinet last week.

### Against Any Change in CBC Set-up

Prior to the adoption of the resolution, the report to the meeting on Public Radio in Canada was made by Leonard Harmon, Secretary of the United Co-operative of Ontario, who has played an important part in the development of Canadian Farm Radio Forum.

The resolution, opposing any change in the present CBC set-up, was in the nature of a recommendation to the Board of Directors of the Federation, who have always stood for control by the CBC of broadcasting in Canada, and in a brief adopted in 1944, set forth that "the principle of publicly owned national radio, responsible to the Parliament of the day as envisaged in the establishment of the CBC, is fundamentally sound," and that "the constitution and organization of the CBC is fundamentally sound."

### The Saskatoon Resolution

The resolution adopted at Saskatoon reads in full as follows:

Whereas radio is a vital and ever-growing force in the moulding of public opinion, and in the education and entertainment of young and old alike;

And whereas the interests of the Canadian people in this respect are, for the most part, being well served by the present system of public ownership and control of radio as exemplified in the present set-up of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, with networks publicly operated in the general interest, and with private stations as local community enterprises only, in which capacity many private stations are making a valuable contribution;

And whereas in recent years there has been a growing campaign on the part of private interests to influence the public authority to permit the establishment of privately-operated networks;

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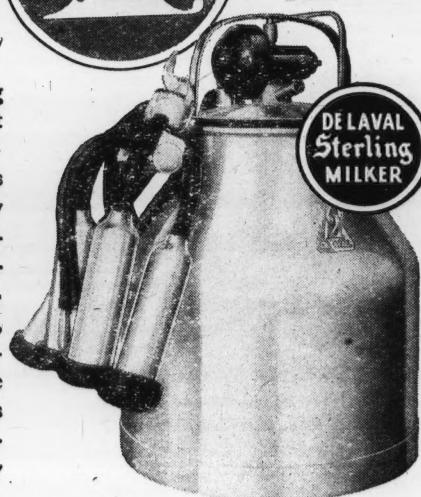
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### Charges Immense Fund Being Raised to Fight Public Health Program

One of the biggest public relations fees in history is being paid by the American Medical Association, charges Dr. Channing Frothingham, of Boston, "to obscure the A.M.A.'s stubborn opposition to any program which would bring medical care within the means of the average man". He asserts that the A.M.A. is raising a propaganda fund of \$3,500,000 by assessing each of its members \$25. Dr. Frothingham, a former president of the Massachusetts Medical Society, is associated with labor leaders, physicians, clergymen, and such prominent citizens as Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in supporting President Truman's health insurance program; they say that voluntary health insurance, as now proposed by the A.M.A. "has proved that it cannot meet the nation's needs".

### Serious Situation Shown

The most serious seed germination situation exists in Alberta, writes Dr. F. J. Greaney of Line Elevators Farm Service, after tabulating the results of tests of 4,470 farmers' samples of wheat, oats, barley and flax seed from the Prairie Provinces. In 30.4 per cent of the oat samples, 22.4 of the barley samples and 20.7 of the flax samples tested from Alberta farms, the germination fell below the 71 per cent level. In 4.8 per cent of the wheat samples germination was less than 71 per cent. A good deal of seed grain was damaged by frost last year in the northern districts of Alberta and Saskatchewan, and testing is strongly urged by Dr. Greaney.

Experiments in Oklahoma in the killing of sagebrush by spraying with 2,4-D have met with considerable success, it is reported, and give promise of increasing pasturage values by as much as eighty per cent.

### POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Feb. 16th.—Weizman elected president of Israel. Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, take steps towards formation of central African federation.

Feb. 17th.—International wheat conference reported nearing showdown; exporters want \$2, importers \$1.80, as price for wheat.

Feb. 18th.—UN atomic energy commission accepts Canadian proposal to prepare full information for later meeting of Big Five and Canada. Royal assent given Newfoundland union legislation at Ottawa.

Feb. 19th.—Letter from Cardinal Mindszenty to Hungarian bishops urges peace between church and state, is Budapest report; Vatican spokesman says church will not treat with Hungarian government. Argentina withdraws from wheat conference.

Feb. 20th.—Pope denounces Mindszenty trial as religious persecution. Li Tsung-jen, acting president, urges Chiang Kai-Shek to return to Nanking for united effort to secure favorable terms from Communists. Israeli-Egyptian armistice terms, drawn up at Rhodes conference, accepted by Israeli cabinet. Russia does not want war, declares Dr. Bjornberg, of Sweden, head of UN information centres; states much of world tension is due to U.S. press.

Feb. 21st.—Montreal court reverses Federal Government order for deportation of Count de Bernonville, under sentence of death in France for collaboration with Nazis. Sam Carr again remanded, in Ottawa.

Feb. 22nd.—Bulgarian churches reported by official Communist press as condemning "treacherous activities" of Protestant clergy.

Feb. 23rd.—Bulgarian churches reported by official Communist press as condemning "treacherous activities" of Protestant clergy. Maurice Thorez asserts his followers would welcome Russian troops should they have to pursue an enemy into France. J. S. Duncan, president Massey-Harris and of Canadian section International Chamber of Commerce, states West should build "unassailable strength," but also "hold out once again the hand of friendship to Russia."

Feb. 24th.—Russian army must maintain preparedness, exhortation of Marshal Bulganin on Red Army anniversary; charges U.S. planning new war. Norway has secret atomic pile, reported from Oslo. Anna Louise Strong to appear before U.S. grand jury investigating Communism. Washington congressional committee expected to approve today bill to reward citizens of other countries for information given to U.S. spies abroad; will grant residence in U.S. to hundred such persons yearly.

Feb. 25th.—Labor Government retains seat in Hammersmith by-election with reduced majority. Two of Protestant clergymen on trial in Bulgaria plead guilty to spying.

Feb. 26th.—Italian Communist leader Togliatti asserts that duty of Italians would be to aid Russians pursuing an aggressor on Italian soil Third Bulgarian pastor, Rev. V. G. Ziakov, pleads guilty. Stafford Cripps declares British recovery depends upon continuation of U.S. assistance; statement made after assertion of foreign under-

### Canada Supplied Large Proportion of Britain's Food Imports Last Year

LONDON, Eng. — Of Britain's total imports last year, Canada supplied 78 per cent of the wheat, 81 per cent of the flour, 70 per cent of the bacon, 10 per cent of the cheese, 80 per cent of the dried eggs, 29 per cent of the shell eggs, 4 per cent of the tobacco, 28 per cent of the timber, 32 per cent of the non-ferrous metals and 45 per cent of the newsprint.

### Distribute \$105 Millions

Benefits distributed to policyholders and beneficiaries by Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada last year amounted to well over \$105 millions, stated Arthur B. Wood, president, at the recent annual meeting. Assets of the company increased during the year by nearly \$70 millions, bringing the new total to approximately \$1,500 millions.

secretary Mayhew (to UN Social and Economic Council) that Britain had passed stage of recovery and was busy with social experiments.

Feb. 27th.—Unified Europe is "sole means of preventing another hideous war", says Churchill at stormy meeting in Brussels.

Feb. 28th.—Britain likely to get \$940 millions from ERF funds, reported from Washington. London despatch says Labor Government policy for present will be one of consolidating positions—iron and steel nationalization to be proceeded with. Five more Protestant clergymen plead guilty, confess to giving information to Western Europeans; British, U.S. authorities in Sofia disclaim charges made; say some Americans and Englishmen were not in country at times mentioned in confessions.

Mar. 1st.—Washington reports farm-bloc congressmen are pressing administration to have U.S. replace Canada as chief supplier of wheat to the United Kingdom and other European countries. Israeli will sign armistice agreement with Lebanon on Thursday, expected in Tel Aviv.

Mar. 2nd.—German police force of 5,000 being organized in British zone to patrol borders of Russian-British zones.

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"One of the best of our seven years of operations," was the year under review at the recent annual meeting of Alberta Poultry Producers, Limited, said J. I. Wright, manager, in his annual report. Much of the credit, he said, was due to the directors "for their wise decisions on policy throughout the year, and their insistent demands that efficiency in operation and service to members be kept constantly in mind."

**Great Improvement Shown**

The financial position at the end of 1948, said Mr. Wright, showed great improvement over that at the end of 1947. At that time, large stocks of dressed poultry were held in store, as it had not been possible to dispose of them at satisfactory prices; as a result the bank overdraft was large, so that it had been necessary to meet high interest and storage costs. During 1948, however, this large poultry inventory had been liquidated, together with practically all 1948 purchases, so that the bank overdraft had been reduced and since the end of the year entirely eliminated; so that, said Mr. Wright, "we are now operating on our own money."

Financial statements showed the net worth of the organization to be \$770,627.96—an increase of more than \$30,000 since the previous year.

**8,870,849 Dozen Eggs**

The association had marketed for members during the year a grand total of 8,870,849 dozen of eggs, said the directors' report, representing an increase over the previous year of 21.7 per cent. This was believed largely due to the policy, which had been adopted, of paying actual market value on delivery of eggs.

Bulk of egg marketings were to the United Kingdom, through the Special Products Board contracts, in the form of fresh shell, storage, dried eggs and melange. The report later pointed out that contracts for 1949 call for only 46 million dozens, or 14 million dozens less than were available in Canada for export last year. However, as chick sales were about 15 per cent less in 1948 than in 1947, a corresponding decrease in egg production was looked for.

**To Present Brief to Government**

In considering prospects for 1950, the Board felt that while Britain might renew contracts should her financial position make this possible, it would be prudent to consider the alternative position. A brief was being presented to the Federal Government, in the name of the organization, asking for establishment of a Central Export Marketing Agency to seek and locate new outlets for surplus poultry products. Such a national board should also, it was urged, divorce domestic and export prices, thus ensuring a fair price to producers at all times.

**Handlings Up 25 Per Cent**

Handlings of poultry during the year had totalled 2,475,145 pounds, a 25 per cent decrease from the previous year. Disappointing prices in 1947 had resulted, said the report, in raising of fewer cockerels in 1948.

The Hatchery Division had sold 1,178,000 chicks to Alberta farmers, and had distributed over 700,000 pounds of

**Presents Radio Report**



LEONARD HARMON, who presented the report on Radio Broadcasting at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

**Urge No Change in  
Broadcasting System**

OTTAWA, March 4th—Implementing the mandate of the Annual Meeting the large delegation representing the Canadian Federation of Agriculture told the Dominion Cabinet here at the meeting recently held that the Federation was firm in its continued support of the publicly owned radio system, and urged the Government to permit no change in or interference with the present system.

**REPORT ON RADIO**

(Continued from Page 7)

with eight million dollars of investment in 1946, in 73 stations, yielding two million dollars of surplus, or a net earning of 25 per cent per annum on capital.

Unfortunately, some of the private stations have been unwilling to continue in their role of providing a community service complementary or supplementary to the CBC public service on a national scale. Each year a Parliamentary Radio Committee reviews the state of radio in Canada and the progress of the CBC. In recent years some of the interests which operate these private stations, working through the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, have conducted an aggressive campaign in the direction of enlarging the scope of private stations and removing the authority of the CBC.

In 1946 and 1947, some of these stations spared no effort, through propaganda announcements, slanted newscasts and paid advertisements in the press, to influence public opinion and persuade the Parliamentary Radio Committee to recommend revisions in the Canadian Broadcasting Act. They sought to make possible the establishment of networks of private stations as outright competitors of CBC, and to remove the private stations from any effective regulation in the public interest. Fortunately, this public cam-

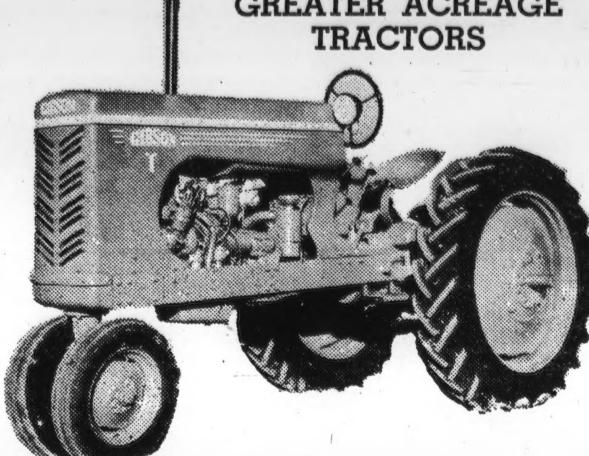
feeds and minerals to members through their newly established Feed and Supply Division.

Final payments to members had been made in the total of \$171,683.84, of which \$117,630.21 was in cash and the balance in reserve share certificates. (See picture and list of Directors on page 1.)

Britain, Norway and Sweden are joining in an Antarctic expedition, to explore Queen Maud Land and to gather meteorological data. Queen Maud Land, a small area free from ice and snow, has been seen from the air but no man has yet set foot in it.

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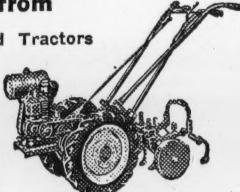
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paign failed, but the struggle goes on states the report, "are among the by more subtle and effective means.

The report points out that various Provincial Federations of Agriculture have taken action in support of the maintenance of the present constitution and organization of the CBC, as well as the Canadian Association for Adult Education and the Co-operative Union of Canada, and that the Country Guide carried a strengthen and develop national radio spirited article about it. "These," in Canada."

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Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

**FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS**

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

**Have We Much on the Turkeys?**

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Dear Farm Women:

Haven't you often noticed that one sentence will sometimes cause your mind to travel many miles? I was reading Louis Bromfield's "Malabar Farm" (Harper Bros.) which probably many of you have read and enjoyed as he writes such an interesting and informative book on his Pleasant Valley farm. He was writing of the bronze turkey of today and said "She is just a plain damn fool".

In a moment I was back in Alberta. I was again chasing turkeys and I am afraid at times my language regarding their behaviour was just about as flattering, but, in justice to them, at the end of my mutterings to myself I very often added, "There is just one thing stupider than turkeys and that is mankind".

**From the Human Angle**

That very same opinion had been forced on me again just the other night but from the human angle. I was reading in **The Nation** an article discussing the huge budget submitted to the United States Congress. The immensity of some of the expenses is almost beyond our comprehension, but broken down to smaller units of comparison it is more understandable and seems to back up my comment. To quote:

"Seventy-six cents of every federal dollar spent in the fiscal year 1950 will be used for costs arising from the last war, for foreign programs directly re-

lated to the cold war, and for maintenance of our military establishments. Six cents will go for the health and security program; five cents for preservation and development of natural resources; thirteen cents for the support of government agencies and functions."

The writer goes on to add that "the military expenditures are even heavier than this break-down indicates: One would think that 'development of natural resources' meant activities like flood control and soil reclamation, but \$725,000,000 of the \$1,861,000,000 requested for this purpose is earmarked for the Atomic Energy Commission. Recent statements of the commission chairman indicate that research is still centred on the development of fissionable materials rather than on processes of maximum peacetime value".

Could anything be more stupid than to find that in this that we call a civilized age, one great nation finds herself in the position that she is so apportioning her interest and her expenditures? And I wonder how much more sensible our own Canadian budget will make us humans appear?

**Depends on Us**

And another thing came to my attention the other day that seemed most stupid on the part of our Canadian people. Government leaders, you know, do not do things alone; we sanction their policy or they lose out.

Mollie McGee, the widely travelled newspaper correspondent, was addressing the Canadian Club and talking of our new immigrants who are permitted to come if they are laborers. It would seem as though we accept muscle as the chief qualification. In the building up of this new country of ours for the children of today and tomorrow and tomorrow, does it not seem stupid to adopt such a policy and thus exclude some of the finest brains and culture of older countries?

Have we very much on the turkeys?

Yours sincerely,

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At all showers held by Arrowwood F.W.U.A., writes Mrs. Leigh Williams, secretary, the bride is given a copy of the U.F.W.A. Cook Book.

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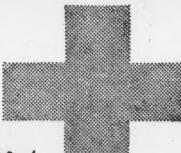
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**Plan Your Garden** ahead of time, say the experts. A good crop rotation alternates leaf vegetables, those grown for roots, and legumes. Especially in districts subject to drought, plenty of space should be allowed; for corn and potatoes, four feet between rows is not too much, with plants 14 to 18 inches apart in the rows.

**Honey Hermits:** Heat 2/3 cup honey, add 1 cup butter or shortening, 2 eggs, and blend thoroughly. Add 2 tbs. milk, 2 cups rolled oats, and 2 1/2 cups flour sifted with 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. soda, and 1 tsp. each baking powder and cinnamon; then stir in 1/2 cup chopped walnuts and 1 cup raisins. Drop on oiled cookie sheet and bake in moderate oven.

**Honey:** 1 cup honey equals 1 cup white sugar in sweetening power. For every cup of honey used, reduce the liquid called for in recipe by one-fifth.

**Chicken Jelly Salad:** Season 1 cup chicken stock with salt and paprika and 1/2 tsp. grated onion. Soak 1 tbs. gelatine in a little of the stock, heat the rest and add. Cool until ready to thicken, then beat with wire whisk until frothy. In a separate bowl beat 1 cup heavy cream (or Alpha condensed milk) until stiff; fold into the gelatine mixture with 1 1/2 cups cooked

## Quick Transition of U.F.W.A. Locals to New Section Urged

With Spring Work Approaching, no Time to Lose, States F.W.U.A. Vice-President

Referring to the "fine spirit of enthusiasm and activity" which has been noted in the recently reorganized women's Locals, Mrs. R. B. Gunn of Lloydminster, Second Vice-President of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta, in the first official greetings over the air to the farm people of the Province, from the first Executive of the F.W.U.A. stressed the importance of U.F.W.A. Locals, without exception, making "the transition as quickly as possible to the new Women's Section".

Mrs. Gunn pointed out that the time remaining before men and women alike "turn all their energies and direct most of their thoughts to the arduous daily tasks of the farm" is short.

### Great Encouragement

Great encouragement had come from the farm women's groups whose delegates had gone back from the Convention to present a clear-cut picture of the issues involved.

How there was no time to lose—in the first place because the election of the permanent Board of Directors for this year had not been completed.

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### AIM IS STATED

## "Better Life for Every Farmer and His Wife"

### Need no Apology for This Objective, Says Mrs. Gunn

"To build a better life for every farmer and his wife."

This, stated Mrs. R. B. Gunn, Second Vice-President of the F.U.W.A., in a radio address referred to elsewhere, is the aim of the Union.

"Nor do we make any apology", she added, "for such an objective. We have excellent authority to justify it, for it is written that the laborer is worthy of his hire. Certainly we labor, whatever the return may be. So, let us build a fine new organization . . . that we may have a better life for every farmer and his wife. But that is not all. One of the things about Agriculture is that it fires the imagination.

"We are not only producers of a basic necessity of life—food, and that in great abundance—but we are also a great army of consumers. So if we have the wherewithal to buy . . . we oil the wheels of commerce. We employ a great army of men and women, directly and indirectly — not only the hired labor on our farms and ranches, but the vast number of people who, indirectly, are employed by us. The men who handle our wheat, for example, after it leaves the farm — to mention only a few—the Pool Elevators and the line companies, the transportation systems which carry our grain over the mountains and across the prairies, the steamboats that take it to distant lands—millions of bushels of wheat, for millions of hungry people.

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## Spruceville Has Record of Generous Financial Support of Good Causes

In addition to sending four delegates to the Calgary conventions, Spruceville U.F.W.A. (Lacombe) (now a Local of the F.U.W.A.) sent four members to the Rest Week at Olds. They contributed, last year, \$25 to the Institute for the Blind, \$5 to Uncle Hal's Fire Fund, \$25 to the Canadian appeal for children, \$50 for CARE parcels, \$25 to the Red Cross, and \$10 to the Cancer Fund. Funds were raised by catering for banquets, auction sales, etc. At the recent annual meeting they voted \$10 to the Arthritis Club and \$10 to the United Emergency Fund for Britain; they also contributed \$100 towards putting electricity into the Spruceville Hall. The annual meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. Hutchison, beginning with a Pot Luck Dinner. Officers elected were Mrs. C. Arrowsmith, Mrs. Boyd Crooker and Mrs. D. A. Boden.

"A very important responsibility", said Mrs. Gunn, "devolves on every district to see that men and women of understanding, of strength, and of vision, be elected to the Board, at the district Conventions next summer". She expressed a hope also that this year "a great new influx of delegates" to Farm Young People's Week at the University (June 7th to 14th), would take place this year from districts which have not hitherto sent young people.

### Fine Spirit of Co-operation

In the past, said Mrs. Gunn, the women's section had been greatly helped by the "steadfast encouragement and loyalty of the main organization" and today "the fine spirit of co-operation and friendliness shown towards our new women's section by all those of the F.U.A. with whom we are associated" was deeply appreciated. Hope was expressed that the women's section would continue to play a worthy part in helping to build a strong and virile farm organization.

# SHOCKING!

The condition of Education in many parts of this Province is shocking.



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## ALBERTA EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL

### Little Folks' Puzzle



Ralph is very much interested to know what Rover has buried in the snow. Join all the numbered dots to

gether, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number twenty-two and you will have the answer for Ralph. Complete this picture with your crayons.

Preparations were made at the last meeting of Glenada F.W.U.A. (Oyen) to send another food parcel to an Old Country woman who had shown great appreciation for an earlier parcel. A card party was planned, "weather permitting".

(Other F.W.U.A. and Junior News on Page 13)

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### Dairymen Want Bangs' Test, Class "A" Fairs

The report of the recent Convention of the Alberta Dairymen's Association is concluded below from our last issue:

The Convention asked that the Bang's Test for animals shown at Class A fairs become effective in 1949, and that the Alberta Government be asked to enact legislation requiring that all animals showing a positive blood test be marked in such a way as to be easily identified by prospective purchasers. Members were asked to encourage calfood vaccination for this disease.

Delegates also requested the Provincial Government to encourage listed herds; called for a program of consumer education to remove "grave misunderstanding by urban consumers of the production costs and problems of dairy farmers"; asked that the diploma course in dairying be given further active support by the dairy industry.

#### Wish C. Toppenberg Early Recovery

Wishes for the speedy recovery from illness of Chris Toppenberg, who has been unwell for some time past, but is happily experiencing steady im-

provement, were expressed, and best wishes were also extended to Juul Johansson, who is at present in the Calgary general hospital.

The Convention, largely attended both in the general sessions and the sectional meetings, was an outstanding one. Authorities of the highest achievement in many fields, spoke on matters of great practical concern to those engaged in production in the dairy field.

#### Some of Many Outstanding Speakers

Among those who contributed to the program were Dr. F. W. Schofield, Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph ("The Control of Milk Borne Diseases" and "Control and Eradication of Mastitis"); R. H. Painter, in charge of the Dominion Livestock Inspection Laboratory, Lethbridge ("Fly Control and the Livestock Industry"); W. H. T. Mead, Alberta Department of Agriculture ("Artificial Insemination"); and many others on subjects of direct concern to producers and others who dealt with problems of the manufacturer.

Life membership certificates were presented to H. Elwell of Blackfalds by Ellis A. Johnstone and W. Wilson of Calgary by Grant M. Carlyle. Mr. Carlyle was the genial and efficient master of ceremonies at the annual banquet.

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### World Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,  
Superintendent of Publicity,  
Alberta Wheat Pool

The United States mid-west has experienced a stormy winter. Snow storm succeeded snow storm with winds of blizzard proportions. Such weather, however, was propitious for the winter wheat crop, and most of the 60 million acres seeded to that grain in the United States lies in the mid-west. The deep snows provided a thick, protective blanket which evidently prevented damage from frost action.

Winter will soon be over and already in the southern end of the winter wheat belt the snow has gone and wheat fields are green. Prospects are for a record breaking winter wheat crop.

Last year the United States produced 1,288 million bushels of wheat. Adding thereto the carry-over from the previous year provides a total supply of 1,484 million bushels, and deducting therefrom 685 million bushels required for domestic needs, leaves a total of 799 million bushels available for export and carry-over. The U.S.A. hopes to export 500 million bushels of wheat this year, thus leaving a carry-over of 299 million bushels at the year end.

#### May Mean Marketing Trouble

If the combined winter and spring wheat crops in that country this year produce another 1 1/4 billion bushels of wheat, marketing trouble may ensue.

The United States has now become the world's largest producer and exporter of wheat. It is the key nation in the world of wheat.

News from Europe is generally cheerful over crop prospects and importing nations there are looking for lower wheat prices.

In the southern hemisphere, Australia has an average crop of high quality and anticipates no difficulty in disposing of surplus supplies. Argentina has a below average wheat crop, but is asking steep prices and may have overheld the market.

EDITORIAL—Cont. from Page 4 dom could be brought into approximate balance with her exports to that country, however, the situation would be vitally changed.

That is why every Canadian export industry which is concerned to retain the United Kingdom market has a big stake in the restoration of the balance. Western wheat growers have the biggest stake of all; but other branches of primary farm production are also directly interested. Even those sections of production which are not directly interested are interested indirectly, since stability of markets at satisfactory prices for one major product tends to give a measure of stability to the farming industry as a whole.

Of course, as Sir E. H. Gilpin, Chairman of the British Food Machinery Manufacturers' Association, stated in an address to the Gauge and Toolmakers' Association in London, the lack of equilibrium between British exports to Canada and British imports from Canada would not matter greatly in a world in which trade was "multilateral" as it was before the war. If, for instance, Canada were a large buyer from a country to which Britain was a large seller, an approach to equilibrium would tend to be established in this triangular way, and if this sort of balancing out were established through the trading of a large number of countries, stability would be still more likely of achievement.

As it is, the world shortage of American dollars has confined Britain "more and more into the straitjacket of bilateral trading," and the only thing Canadians can do to put things in balance, is to increase their imports from Britain.

British manufacturers, through vari-

### Livestock Market Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Mar. 1st—Hogs are steady at \$29.75 for Grade A, sows \$17.25 lightweight. Good lambs are \$21 to \$21.50, good ewes \$8.50. Good to choice steers are \$18 to \$19, down to \$15 for common; good to choice heifers \$17 to \$18, down to \$14 for common; good cows, \$14.25 to \$14.75, down to \$12.50 for common.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Feb. 28th

Practical top on choice hand-weight steers last week was \$18.25, bulk of sales ranging from \$15.50 to \$17.50; choice heifers were \$17 to \$17.50, down to \$12 for common; good cows \$14 to \$14.50, down to \$11.50 for common; canners and cutters 9—11.50.

### The Dairy Market

Conditions in the dairy market are fairly static; production has not yet started to pick up, at least so far as Alberta is concerned, and prices are still at the ceilings. Locally, prints are 67 cents and butterfat 69 cents.

#### DEATH OF S. A. CARSON

We learn with deep regret as we go to press of the death, at the age of 78, of Samuel Allen Carson of Namao, who served as U.F.A. member of the Alberta Legislature for Sturgeon from 1921 to 1935. Mr. Carson gave devoted service for many years to the farm people of the Province. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. M. E. (Vera) Lowe of Namao, President of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta, and Mrs. Ada L. Cotter of Sunnyside, and two sons, Vernon C. and Allen O., of Namao, to whom sincere sympathy is extended.

ous missions, are studying the Canadian market on the spot, and a big British export drive with Canada as the objective is in process of development. Sir E. H. Gilpin cites in encouraging detail the methods which they plan to use to ensure acceptability of their products by the Canadian buyer.

The farmers of the Canadian prairies have a vital interest in the stimulation of imports from Britain. Pressure at Ottawa to ensure the removal of obstacles to this trading will bring rich dividends to every farm community and every farm home.

But while they are making it their business to influence Canada's trading policy at the top levels, farmers can help themselves—can improve their prospects of retaining overseas markets—by themselves "Buying British" whenever a British product will serve their purposes.

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**OTTAWA LETTER**  
(Continued from Page 1)

agreement; (c) The placing of coarse grain marketing under the Wheat Board; (d) An appeal to the Privy Council on the margarine decision of supreme court, and if court decision upheld, it is urged that the dairy industry should receive the same consideration under the customs tariff for ingredients of margarine, that industry in general receives in Canada. It is further requested that the yellow color of butter be reserved for that product, and a floor price of 62c wholesale for butter over five years is asked for; (e) It is recommended that similar benefits to those of PFRA and PRAA should apply to all Provinces, and (f) A strong national soil conservation program is called for.

**Initial Price Raised to \$1.75**

Of great interest to Western farmers has been the recent announcement by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. C. D. Howe, that the initial price to wheat growers in the West will be \$1.75 per bushel. This represents an increase of 20 cents a bushel over the \$1.55 already in force, and covers the entire five-year period from August 1st, 1945, to July 31st, 1950.

The growers are also entitled to the surplus resulting from the operations of the Board in wheat for the period. During 1948-49 the Board is selling wheat to the United Kingdom at \$2.00 a bushel, and domestically at \$2.00, and has sold to other countries at higher prices.

Last March the initial price paid to producers was raised from \$1.35 to \$1.55.

This represented an increased total payment of \$155,000,000. The present increase of 20 cents involves the payment of an additional \$214,000,000.

Payments will begin on March 31st, and cheques will go out at the rate of 40,000 a day. This will assist the farmers in defraying the costs of seeding operations, and will also aid those farmers in Western Saskatchewan and Eastern Alberta who have had low crop yields during the past two seasons.

Preference in time in sending out the cheques will be given to those areas where yields were light. Certificates to show where the cheques should go are already in the hands of the Wheat Board, and as fast as the mails will carry them the cheques will be sent out. The announcement by Mr. Howe brought applause from all sections of the House of Commons.

**Farm Income Is Record**

Preliminary estimates of the gross and net income of Canadian farmers in 1948 indicate that gross income was in the neighborhood of \$2,835,000,000, compared with \$2,214,000,000 in 1947, and that net income of farm production amounted in 1948 to \$1,747,000,000 compared with \$1,235,000,000 in 1947. The 1948 figures are higher than for any other year since 1928, covering the 20 years for which figures are available. They are, however, stated to be higher than in any other year in the history of the country.

**World Farm Census**

The world farm census which is to be taken by FAO for the year 1950, as is learned here, will be an ambitious

and wholly laudable effort of the world organization which is blazing the trail for the gradual improvement of the farming economy and improvement in the basic standards of living of the depressed areas of the world. It will not be possible to get accurate figures on yields, and this in consequence will not be attempted at this time. Information will be gathered under the following main categories: the amount of land under cultivation, the number of people on farms, the principal crops being raised, the extent to which animal or mechanical power is used, and the different kinds of livestock in the various areas.

**To Send Fraternal Delegate**

The Junior Branch of the F.U.A. will send a fraternal delegate to the annual convention of the Junior Farmers of Ontario, to be held in Guelph, April 24th to 26th. The delegate will be chosen at a Junior Board meeting in Calgary next week.

**Junior President Reports**  
**Much Interest in Meetings**

Orrin Hart, President Junior F.U.A., recently addressed well-attended meetings at Cowley and Pincher Creek. Great interest was shown in both senior and junior branches of the new joint farm organization.

**FOREST IN WINTER**

My Alder queens are stripped of leaves,  
Lonely and sore dismayed,  
But my Hemlock stands like a haughty bride,  
Robed in her green brocade.  
My Cedar, Fir and glamorous Spruce,  
From root to flaunting top,  
Are fresh as a group of Laughing girls  
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Nor wind nor winter nor snow nor rain  
Can wrinkle the Evergreen gown,  
But my naked Alders weep and writhe  
For their gorgeous robe cast down.  
But my Evergreens, for all their pride,  
Know not life's daintiest thing—  
They know not the Glory of Alder  
Buds,  
Wakening, first, in Spring.

—BERT HUFFMAN.

Newton Road, R.R. No. 4,  
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**News of Women's Locals**

(Continued from page 11)

Following discussion of the joint convention, Cassils F.W.U.A. elected officers at a recent meeting. Mrs. W. Ward is president and Mrs. Fred Roberts secretary.

Reorganization into an F.W.U.A. Local will be discussed at the next meeting of Griesbach U.F.W.A. (Bremner). Ten tables of military whist brought in over \$20 recently.

Following the report of the treasurer that \$74 was in the treasury, Edmonton F.W.U.A. at their last meeting voted \$20 to the Cancer Fund and \$15 to the arthritic fund.



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**Planning Shelterbelt**

Griffin Creek was recently reorganized as an F.W.U.A. Local, Mrs. A. Bast and Mrs. W. E. Fraser being elected officers.

Jenny Lind F.W.U.A. are preparing a play for presentation in the near future, writes Mrs. Ella Drake, secretary. Recently it was decided to make a donation to the Brooks Hospital.

Camrose U.F.W.A. at a recent meeting formally disbanded and reorganized as an F.W.U.A. Local, with Mrs. N. D. Lehman, Mrs. R. Bertschi, Mrs. V. Mason and Mrs. E. H. Church as officers. Mrs. Lehman and Mrs. Bertschi gave excellent convention reports to a joint meeting of senior and junior Locals.

"Historical Events of our District" was the roll call subject at a recent meeting of Notre Dame F.W.U.A.

The farm woodlot or shelterbelt—its planning and planting, its care, its harvest for fence posts or fuel, the value of different trees for these two purposes—is discussed in a recent publication of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, "Dominion Forest Nursery Stations". In addition the work of the stations at Indian Head and Sutherland, Sask., is described. A generous number of illustrations add to the pamphlet's attractiveness.

(North Edmonton). Two large boxes of clothing were packed and forwarded to the Unitarian Service Committee, and Mrs. W. Langas gave a very complete and interesting convention report. It was reported that over \$16 had been raised for CARE parcels at a card party at the home of Mrs. G. Spence.

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## MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

Pardon us if once again this column takes on a Scottish flavor. As a matter of fact we always were partial to Scotch.

\* \* \*  
Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, sidled up to us the other day and whis-

### MSS IS LINK WITH TRAGEDY

In the possession of the Aberdeen County Council has just come a document that will fascinate literary historians the world over. It is the marriage contract of "Mad Jack Byron" and Catherine Gordon of Gight, Aberdeenshire, and mother of the poet Lord Byron. It recalls one of the most tragic and turbulent romances linked with north-east history.

Signed on May 12, 1785, in the City of Bath, Somersetshire, the manuscript article of marriage recently passed into the hands of Charles Hornal, County Clerk, Bath, who has presented it to the County Council.

On that day, in 1785, Catherine Gordon was a wealthy heiress, who brought to her husband a fortune of at least £22,580. Capt. John Byron, spendthrift, gambler, ex-Guardsman, had gone to Bath in search of a second wife (preferably with a well-filled purse). Through her marriage to him, Catherine was plunged into financial ruin, lost her inheritance of Gight lands, which had belonged to the Gordon line for close on 300 years. She gave birth at the moment when her fortunes were at their darkest to George, the future Lord Byron.

Unsuccessful attempts on the part of Mrs. Byron to live with Mad Jack came to an end at last in Aberdeen and in such circumstances began the boyhood of the famous poet—a boyhood commemorated only the other week in the Scottish city by what a modern poet has called that "tall proud statue at the Grammar school," and a life, itself turbulent, that bequeathed immortal riches to literature.

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pered. "You know, Musty, I really do set a lotta guys afame. Yep, you see

to be a case of Beecham administering a bitter pill. And we'll bet the trustees didn't think it was "worth a guinea a box".

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**Heavy Slump in Exports**

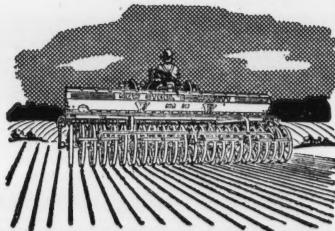
Stone comments that "the Marshall plan has not stopped the developing slump in exports. America's balance of exports fell during the past six months to half that of 1947. ECA shipments will rise, but not enough to make up for the drop in exports to non-subsidized Western Hemisphere, South African and Far Eastern markets."

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